

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
May 27, 2020**

This meeting was advertised in The Hunterdon Democrat notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et, seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9 ,2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the State of New Jersey does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and the Township Committee scheduled May 27, 2020 will be held electronically only. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so by calling 1-978-990-5000 and followed by meeting number Access Code: 333891 at 6:00 PM. Individuals calling into this number will be able to fully participate in the meeting, including providing public comment. A non-public dial in number will be used if executive session is required.

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Plumer, Committeeman Pfefferle, Committeeman Kiernan, Twp. Atty. Dragan

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

DPW Foreman Heiser, CFO Steinberg

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Plumer led the flag salute

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2020 Budget Introduction

CFO Steinberg noted that the budget remains flat for 2020. There will be no municipal tax increase this year and that the Township will not be able to sustain keeping the budget flat in the future. Township Clerk/Administrator Bobrowski noted that the departments/DPW are being mindful of spending and that the Township Committee needs to be mindful of using professionals because costs add up very quickly. Comm. Kiernan noted that he would like to see the Township provide an option to residents to be able to pay property taxes by credit card. CFO Steinberg noted that the Township

needs to shore up internal controls before the Township can consider credit card payments.

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the budget as introduced. The public hearing for the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Roll Call

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Plumer	X			
X		Pfefferle	X			
	X	Kiernan	X			

BILL LIST:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve \$3,500.00 to the Court for the Township's portion of the Court's temporary budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

None

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to go into Executive Session. (6:28 PM)

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

_____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.

_____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.

_____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.

- ☒ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.
DPW Contract
 - ☐ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.
 - ☐ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.
 - ☒ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.
Delaware River Tubing
 - ☐ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - ☒ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
CFO Position /Finance Department
 - ☐ Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
 4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to return to Public Session (8:47 PM).

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Delaware River Tubing

Complaint received from a passerby who also sent pictures of DRT operating under the Governor's Executive Order.

- CFO Position/Finance Department

Matter to stay in Executive Session

- Union Contract for Review

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to adjourn at 8:58 PM.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele Bobrowski, CMC/RMC

Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of May 27, 2020 and certify that said Minutes were approved by the Township Committee on the 8th day of July 2020.

Gabe Plumer, Mayor